

### REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.

Claims 11-19 are pending in the above-identified patent application, as presented in the "*Literal English Translation of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000433, As Amended under P.C.T. Article 19,*" entered during the P.C.T. international phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000433, and as entered by the instant Preliminary Amendment. Claims 11 and 19 are presented in independent form.

The present application represents the U.S. National Phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/CH2003/000433, filed July 1, 2003, and claiming foreign priority on the basis of a corresponding Switzerland patent application, filed July 9, 2002.

By the present amendments, original Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and substituted by new Claims 11-19, which are intended to conform more closely to U.S. claim practice. Claims 11 and 19 recite alternative embodiments originally recited in Claim 1, with respect to inclusion of a blower pipe or a rod.

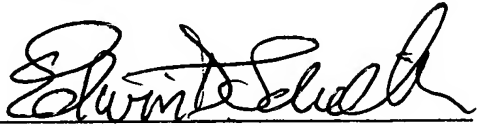
The Specification has been amended to add standard U.S. sectional headings.

The application is now in condition for a full examination on the merits.

Accordingly, an early examination on the merits and allowance are, therefore, respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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